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BUTTER

Q. Is it true that the sale of U.S. butter to New Zealand fell through because of U.S. concerns that U.S. butter would wind up in the USSR?

A: Representatives of the New Zealand Dairy Board have been meeting with USDA to discuss a sale of U.S. butter from Commodity Credit Corporation stocks. They were unable to agree on the language of the contract. We do not know at this time the precise reasons for their being unable to reach agreement or whether there will be further discussions with New Zealand.

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